

## Am M'kad'shei

עם מקדשי שביעי, כלם ישבעו ויתענו מטופר, והשביעי רצית בו וקדשו.  
חמדת ימים אוטו קראת, זכר למשה בראשית.

Am m'ka-d'shei sh'vi-i, ku-lam yis-b'u v'yit-an-gu mi-tu-ve-kha, v'hash-vi-i ra-tzi-ta bo  
v'ki-dash-to, khem-dat ya-mim o-to ka-ra-ta, zei-kher l'ma-a-sei v'rei-shit.

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## D'rash

The people that sanctifies the seventh [day], they will all be satisfied and delighted by Your goodness—Not the individual but the people that sanctifies the seventh day, together in community; they will realize their highest spiritual potential, individually and collectively, which is the foundation for human happiness. And the seventh [day], You found favor in it and sanctified it—The seventh day was set aside and dedicated, for the sake of humankind, because while we are little more than dust, we are also only a little lower than the angels. "Most coveted of days," You called it, a memorial to the act of Creation—Who would not prefer rest to toil, learning to labor, time to clock-watching, freedom to slavery, loving to litigating, singing to shouting, beauty to banality, and community to isolation—all made possible by respite from creation.

## Iyun Tefilla

### CARAVAN TO THE OASIS

Listen!  
Do you hear it?  
Put your ear  
To the ground.  
You can feel it  
Six days away!  
The caravan is coming!  
Let its  
Swaying camels,  
Trembling bells  
Carry you  
Back  
From the desert,  
Back to palms  
And pools of water,  
Honey and dates.  
Don't be late!  
You don't want to miss  
The last ride home!

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